

the Safety Patrol. We feel that it is consistent with good law enforcement but their powers of arrest will be limited solely to that that relates to trip permits, the size, the weight, the load and the registration of motor vehicles. They have no other authority.

SENATOR HABERMAN: There is no possibility under rules and regulations that this power of authority could be changed?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There is no problem there, Senator. The Department has no such authority.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What is this going to do...is this going to have anything to do with reducing the number of state patrolmen? Is it going to affect it in anyway?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It has no impact upon the responsibilities of the Nebraska State Patrol, Senator. The duties and responsibilities are totally separate, and as I have indicated earlier, these are a very limited type of responsibility, therefore, there would be no reason to reduce the number of state patrolmen.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Are the weight and scale people still going to be officed in the same place they are now?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It will probably be handled in exactly the same manner but the responsibility will be under the Nebraska Safety Patrol.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, the reason I am asking these questions to be sure that it is in the record, Senator Schmit, is I at one time had visions of every weight and scale state patrolman person becoming a mini state patrolman and that like the Game and Parks people now are no longer game wardens. They are some kind of a law enforcement people and they wear the guns and the mace and the handcuffs and they go around all armed which they didn't used to do. So I had visions of every weight and scale post and everybody being a mini SWAT team, and if somebody stole some gas, put up a roadblock to stop them, but what you are saying, and I want it for the record, that they will be strictly confined to the duties that are now underneath the State Highway Department and the weight and scale rules, regs., and laws.